(c) Investigations/studies in the Gulf of Khambhat have not been taken up in the Seventh Plan due to constraint of resources.

Relief and rehabilitation measures for large and medium size industries

*399. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised any standard package of relief and rehabilitation measures with regard to the sick industrial units, including large and medium units, after the establishment of the B. I. F. R. in January, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reservation of seats in Nagaland Assembly

*400. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 275 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision on the resolution passed by the Nagaland Assembly to the effect that all the 60 seats should be exclusively reserved for the Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Self-employment scheme

@3266. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of providing self-employment to educated unemployed youth has been modified from the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether under the modified scheme, the limit of loans for agriculture allied activities such as Dairy, Piggery and Poultry etc. has been reduced to Rs. 15,000 by treating these as business ventures;

(d) whether under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, these projects are still registered as Industry (for which the loan limit is Rs. 25,000);

(e) if so, what are the reasons for this discrimination under the self-employment scheme;

(f) whether the insistence of Banks on collateral security and defeats the very purpose of the self-employment scheme; and

(g) if so, what steps are under consideration to ensure viability of the projects and to eleminate the delays in disbursement of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main modifications are as under:—

(i) Limit of loan for industrial ventures has been raised from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 35,000/- retained at Rs. 25,000/- for service ventures

@Previously Unstarred Question 3118 transferred from the 20th August, 1987.

and reduced to Rs. 15,000/- for business ventures.

(ii) A minimum of 30 per cent of the sanctions has been reserved for S.C./S.T. beneficiaries.

(iii) A ceiling income of Rs. 10,000/- per family per annum has been fixed as eligibility criteria under the scheme.

(iv) ITI passed youth in the eligible age group have been made eligible to set up industrial and service ventures under this scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Poultry is registered as industry under Central Investment Subsidy scheme.

(e) The objectives of the schemes are different.

(f) Instructions have been issued to the banks not to ask for collateral security under Self-Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth.

(g) Question does not arise.

Establishment of a fund to finance research projects

@3267. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA-RAO:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided in principle to establish a special fund to finance research projects on a risk-sharing basis with industry;

(b) whether DGTD has identified the areas where research could be undertaken;

(c) whether the fund would be available for indigenisation of existing industries, besides developing new technologies; and

(d) whether DGTD has technology bank monitoring mechanism, supported by strong management system, to help domestic industry to develop indigenous technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(c) As no decision has yet been taken on the establishment of the Fund, it is not possible to indicate its application.

(b) and (d) DGTD is actively engaged *inter alia* in the promotion of industrial and technological development, technology upgradation, identification of technology gaps and through them areas of further development and research, import substitution etc. It maintains a close interaction with the industry and entrepreneurs.

Proposals to set up projects in backward districts of A.P.

3268. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending approval of the Government for setting up a telephone cables plant and/or a polyester yarn project in the backward districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay in according the approval?

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